(a) the loss incurred by the National Seeds Corporation during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for the mounting loss; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to revitalise the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRN):(a) The amount of loss suffered by NSC during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	*Amount of loss*
1987-88	190.50
1988-89	289.83
1989-90	391.10

(b) It has been found that losses are because of:-

(i) Increase in input prices and procurement prices paid to the seed growers without corresponding increase in the sale price of seed;

(ii) Increase in fixed overhead expenses on account of general price rise and increase in salary and allowances of the staff of the Corporation as per recommendations of High powered Pay Committee (H.P.C.C.);

(iii) Heavy interest burden;

(iv) Under utilisation of infrastructural facilities created under National Seeds Project Phase-I and II due to cut-back in production;

(v) Reduction in marketing segment of NSC due to competition from State seeds Corporations (SSCs) and private seed industry; and

(vi) Excess staff.

(c) To improve the working of the Corporation, a Consultant has been appointed by the Government of India under National Seeds Project phase-III, a scheme implemented with the assistance of World Bank. The Diagnostic Report of the consultant has been received and after careful consideration of the same, the consultant has been asked to give further details/clarify certain portions of the Report. This Report will form the basis of the steps to be taken to revamp the Corporation.

Telecommunication Facilities in Rural Areas

*813. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to provide better telecommunication facilities in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of such facilities proposed to be provided to the villages by the end of 1995;

(c) the efforts made in that direction in Rajasthan so far; and

(d) the details of the target set for providing such facilities during the Eighth plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Public telephone facilities has been

planned to be provided to all Gram panchayats by end of 1995.

(c) Out of 7353 total Gram Panchayats 2448 have been provided with Telephone Facility so far in Rajasthan.

(d) details given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

Target Set for Providing Telephone Facilities During 1991-95

Sl.No.	*Name of State/U.T.*	*Target*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15238
2.	Assam	405
3.	Bihar	8201
4.	Gujarat (Including Dadra Nagar Haveli Daman and Dive)	10770
5.	Haryana	4685
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1784
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	1114
8.	Karnataka	4932
9.	Kerala	12
10.	Madhya Pradesh	19589
11.	Maharashtra(Including Goa)	20378
12.	North East (Including Arunachal,. Manipur and Tripura)	1991
13.	Orissa	2956
14.	Punjab	10406
15.	Rajasthan	4905
16.	Tamil Nadu(Including pondicherry)	8637
17.	Uttar Pradesh	70224

Sl.No.	*Name of State/U.T.*	*Target*
18.	West Bengal(including Sikkim Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	1830,
19	Delhi (U.T)	145
	Total:	1,88,202

Indo-Sri Lankan efforts to Meet Challenges from LTTE

* 814. SHRI CHITA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by India and Sri Lanka to meet the challenges from LTTE, particularly after the assassination of the former Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):(a) and (b). There is no proposal far a joint Indo-Sri Lanka effort visa-vis the LTTE. However, Government of Sri Lanka continues to extend its fullest cooperation to the Government of India in the investigation into the assassination of the former Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

[*Translation*]

Opening of post offices in all Gram Panchayats of Bihar.

6789. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state":

(a) whether the Government are formulating any long term scheme to open post offices in all the Gram Panchayats of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 'Dak and Dak materials' are delivered once in three to four days in various post Offices in Sahibganj district; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No sir. No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Out of 15 Sub Post Offices in Sahibganj district, there is daily delivery of mails in areas served by 13 sub Post Offices. However, in the areas served by 2 Sub Post Offices namely, Hiranpur and Amarapara, there used to be delivery of mail twice a week during the period from December, 89 to July, 91 mainly due the shortage of Bihar State Road Transport corporation fleet. This, however, has now been streamlined and since 1.8.91, daily delivery of mails in these area has also been assured,

[*English*]

Functioning of Sub-Registrar and Stamp Collector Offices in Delhi

6790. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: